

OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Sugar.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Cuban centrifugal 96 degrees, 3 7/16c; granulated 14c.

The local market continues quiet and without any features worthy of the name.

Rain Making.

The scientists and general public are just now very much interested in the private and Government experiments to cause artificial rain. Frank Melbourne, of Ohio, whose efforts in this direction have been heretofore reported in these columns, is probably attracting more attention than Uncle Sam's rain-makers who have been bombarding the heavens in Texas. Melbourne had more or less success with his mysterious machine in bringing rain in Canton, Ohio, but to make the experiment more convincing and satisfactory, took his apparatus to Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, one of the most arid spots on the continent, and proposed to make the rain come. The signal service officer laughed at the proposition, as the conditions all pre-posed dry weather. However, Melbourne went to work, and in a few hours the sky was overcast with black, heavy clouds. These clouds appeared only over Cheyenne, the rest of the sky remaining clear. Soon after, a shower came and lasted twenty minutes, the precipitation being 11-100 of an inch. Two hours later there was a heavy down-pour, which brought the rainfall up to 47-100 of an inch, instead of the 30-100 promised by the rain wizard. The Signal Service officer acknowledged that the storm was in part due to artificial causes, and declared himself completely mystified. Further trials of the machine will be had, and, if successful, the big cattle raisers of the territory say they will pay Melbourne "big money" to cause rain to fall upon their great ranches. Melbourne says he can do it without fail.

The experiments made by Government officers in Texas, in which rain was caused by exploding dynamite bombs in the air, attached to balloons at a high altitude, have proved fairly successful, but many scientists assert that there is nothing in the plan.

The Pacific Cable.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Commodore Ramsey, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation in the Navy Department, said to a correspondent to-day that he had decided to use the United States Fish Commission's steamer Albatross in running the cable survey from San Francisco to Honolulu. The Albatross is now at Puget Sound on her way south from Behring Sea. Commodore Ramsey said she ought to arrive at San Francisco in two weeks, and that she might be expected to begin the work of survey in about one month from this time. He said it would take about two months to do the work, so that the survey will probably have been completed by the time Congress meets. Lieutenant-Commander Clover, Chief of the Hydrographic Bureau in the Navy Department, and son-in-law of the late Senator Miller of California, is entitled to credit for his work in expediting this matter. While of course the survey work would have been done sooner or later, Lieutenant-Commander Clover frequently brought to the attention of the Secretary of the Navy and Commodore Ramsey editorial attacks from the San Francisco Bulletin showing that the people of California desired this work done before Congress met. The survey will be made under the supervision of Lieutenant-Commander Tanner.

Mail Facilities.

Though the Mariposa arrived one day late her mail for England will not leave behind time. It sent by the ordinary mail route it would have reached New York an hour behind the departure of the steamer First Bismarck for Southampton. The First Bismarck, however, will be held two hours, so that connection will be made.

The new steamer Empress of China, for the Canadian Pacific, has had a trial trip on the Mersey. She developed 19 knots speed and 600 horse power more than the Empress of India or Empress of Japan.

The steamer Empress of Japan has broken the trans-Pacific record, running from Yokohama to Vancouver in 19 days and 18 hours. Her mails are expected to reach England in 21 days, smashing all previous records.

Unhappy Samoa.

Reports from Samoa by the last Australian steamer are to the effect that the country is in a state of great unrest. Matafale and about four hundred of his followers are still at Matafale and he is attempting to induce others to join him.

Two Hundred Slaves.

The brig Tahiti put in at Drake's Bay recently for some repairs and a new set of sails.

The Tahiti had between 200 and 300 Gilbert Islanders locked up in her hold, which was ample reason why she did not come to San Francisco.

These people were herded together like cattle. They were all under contract to go to work on plantations at San Benito, Mexico, and for that place the Tahiti had set sail.

Dr. Gibson, who left the vessel at Drake's Bay, says that the vessel at Honolulu in May, with some Gilbert Islanders who were returning home on board. The captain picked up the people on contract and, it is said, all were willing to go. They were terribly frightened in the storm which drove the vessel to this coast, and it was to prevent them from escaping that the Tahiti put in near Point Reyes.

Big Coast Fires.

On the afternoon of the 24 inst. the prosperous city of The Dalles, Or., was swept by a fire. Many of the principal business houses and public buildings were destroyed. The loss is between \$800,000 and \$900,000, insurance \$282,000. Eighteen blocks in all were burned. The city of Winnemucca, Nev., was all but burned out on the 30th ult. en-

tailed a loss of \$300,000. The insurance foots up to \$100,000.

The city of Willows, Cal., was also burned out, the loss being about \$350,000.

Hawaii After Free Trade.

A dispatch from Chicago under date of September 1st says: L. A. Taurer of Honolulu, who is in this city, said to a reporter to-night that the McKinley bill has had the effect of uniting the native and foreign populations of Hawaii upon the subject of annexation. He has just received one of the native newspapers, which advocate the formation of a republic or immediate annexation to the United States. This fact is remarkable, as it is the first time in Hawaiian history that the natives have publicly favored such a thing. At any rate, Hawaiians are preparing to negotiate with the United States for free trade.

The Nicaragua Canal.

Reports from Nicaragua state that the force of men on the canal has been reduced, but that satisfactory progress is being made in the work of construction. The pier at Greytown has been extended 1,039 feet and the dredging of the canal continues. Excavation to the depth of seventeen feet has been covered on to the extent of half a mile and the right of way cleared ten miles. Great progress has been made in the work of building telegraph and railroad lines and buildings.

Prospective Trouble in Hayti.

Late advices from Port-au-Prince, state that a revolution is daily expected there, and foreign residents are sending their families out of danger. It is asserted that Hippolyte has issued orders that if a successful attack is made upon the city by the revolutionists, the guns of the forts are to be turned upon it and the place destroyed. Hippolyte has sent his family to Cape Haytien and is preparing to follow them as he has lost faith in the loyalty of his troops. The insurrectionists are said to be making active preparations to attack Port-au-Prince.

Man Flies At Last.

A dispatch from Monticello, Illinois, dated August 21, announces that the aerial bicycle has made a second successful trip with Prof. Charles Belknap in the saddle. It was handled easily, traveling with and against the wind as well as at right angles to it, at the pleasure of the operator. The machine consists of a cigar-shaped balloon with lateral "fins," and the propelling power is obtained the same as in an ordinary bicycle. What benefit may result from the success of this experiment remains to be seen.

San Francisco News.

Reports from Alaska are that there has been a fine run of salmon and a large pack.

An association called the Board of Manufacturers and Employers, has been organized to oppose the labor unions. The policy of the association will be to fight strikes with lockouts.

Lucky Baldwin has purchased the Arcade Building, adjoining the Baldwin Hotel, for \$400,000, and will erect a ten-story fire-proof addition to his big car-vanitory.

J. M. Daly, who murdered F. S. S. Buckman, has been sentenced to life imprisonment. Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has under contemplation a tour which will include all the former theatrical trips into insignificance. She intends to travel to the maritime countries of the globe in a steamship chartered for the exclusive use of herself and her troupe, and to time the stops by the season in such a manner that for two years, wherever she may be playing, it will be winter.

The local passenger train from Sacramento to this city ran off the trestle seven miles this side of the former place, killing Mail Agent Quimby and severely injuring several passengers.

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revolver, boldly attacked the gang. In his haste to get a shot at them he exposed himself and was mortally wounded. His attack, however, and the shots fired by the conductor of the train evidently rattled the robbers, for they fled just when they had blown a hole in the express car with a dynamite bomb. Two men by the name of Walton have been arrested and are accused of the crime.

L. J. Rose, of Los Angeles, the famous breeder of fast horses, has announced that poor health has compelled him to retire from the turf. He will sell his great stable in the near future.

American News.

It is reported that the Vanderbilts have secured control of the Union Pacific Railroad, and that Jay Gould will no longer guide the affairs of that great corporation. As the Vanderbilts own the Chicago & Northwestern, it is believed that they are seeking an outlet to the Pacific Coast.

Reports from North Dakota and Manitoba say that frost has done great damage to the wheat crops. In some places the loss is 50 per cent.

The outlook for high prices for wheat improves daily. California will have about 800,000 bushels for export.

An engine drawing two coaches on the Reading Railroad, in Pennsylvania, has broken the world's record for fast running, covering a mile in 39.45 sec., or at the rate of over 90 miles per hour. Five miles were covered in 3 min. 28.45 sec., and the fastest ten miles in 7 min. 12 sec., an average of 43 sec. per mile.

On August 27th, a fast passenger train near Statesville, North Carolina, on the Western road, jumped from a bridge ninety feet high, and was dashed to atoms. The train was running at the rate of forty miles per hour, and the accident resulted in the death of the engineer, fireman, all the brakemen and thirty-six passengers. The conductor was the only person who was able to walk to the station and give the news of the disaster. It is said that the accident was caused by the removal of a rail from the center of the bridge.

Captain Andrews of the dory Marmaduke, who undertook to cross the Atlantic, was picked up by the steamer Elbruz, after being nearly lost in a terrific storm. He was glad to abandon his foolish attempt. The dory Sea Serpent, which sailed at the same time, crossed the briny saley.

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury John Sherman opened the State campaign in Ohio on August 27 with a speech, in which he supported the present coinage act and inveighed against free coinage. This will be the keynote of the Republican party in the coming Presidential campaign.

The great rubber syndicate of Paris, New York and London has failed for millions in an effort to corner the rubber market of the world. The company had \$25,000,000 capital, but the market was too large for it.

French capital has completed the submarine cable connecting Brazil with the rest of the world. The cable starts from Hayti, touches at San Domingo, Martinique and French Guiana, thence to Vezin, in Brazil. This gives direct communication with the United States via Havana. The company began business on September 1st.

A mutiny occurred on the steamship Obeden, en route from Rotterdam to New York. The firemen and coal-passers revolted and refused to work without giving a reason for their conduct. The captain, when he tried to reason with the men, was attacked, but shot and killed one of his assailants. The mutineers retreated to their quarters, from which they were finally driven to work at the pistol point.

Foreign News.

The island of Martinique, West Indies, has been visited by the most disastrous hurricane on record. It is reported that 375 people lost their lives, and property to the value of \$10,000,000 was destroyed.

A scandal is looming up in Manitoba. Charges are to be preferred against Lieutenant Governor Shultz, comprising various forms of malfeasance in office.

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The incident has brought out enough comment in England to warrant a periodical war scare.

The Victorian Legislature on the 2d inst. passed the Federation Bill and at the same time passed an amendment extending New Zealand. The New South Wales Legislature has rejected a motion favoring inter-colonial protective duties.

Russia is to issue 50,000,000 roubles more of paper money.

"Sedan day" was celebrated all over Germany on the 2d inst. The French press generally ignored it.

The Russian Jews who sailed from their own country for Palestine will not be permitted to land there by the Turkish authorities.

More fighting is reported in the interior of Africa, and the Congo States soldiers have driven the Arab slave traders from the vicinity of Stanley Falls.

The annual field maneuvers of the Austrian army occurred at Schwartzman on the 4th and 5th. The Emperors of Germany and Austria and the King of Saxony were present.

Russia's imports are falling off all the time, and the English, French and German manufacturers are turning to other markets. Russia imports no sugar at all now, making all her own supply from beets. It is thought that the country will soon be made wholly self-sustaining.

The restrictions on the importations of American pork into Germany have been entirely removed. Minister Phelps is receiving many congratulations.

It is reported that Russia is massing troops on the Rumanian and Austrian frontiers. The troops are particularly numerous on the Austrian frontier.

Moltke's newly published works are being eagerly read in Germany. He says that the French disaster of 1870 was wholly due to Napoleon's weakness.

The British Government has signed an agreement with the Canadian Pacific for the transportation of troops should the Suez Canal become blocked.

British journals have taken up the cudgels in favor of electrocution.

A large French war fleet has just been enthusiastically received at Portsmouth, Eng.

Sporting.

Peterson, the local oarsman, and Dutch, the Australian, are to row for \$1,000 a side, on a course to be decided upon hereafter. Dutch is now in New Westminster, B. C.

His Highness won the great Futurity Stakes at Coney Island racecourse on the 27th ult. This is the richest stake in the world, not even the famed English Derby equalling it in value. The stake this year was worth \$80,000. Only two-year-olds are eligible in the race.

Charley Mitchell has accepted Corbett's challenge to fight for \$25,000, and will meet him either in England or America.

Direct, a pacing stallion (formerly a fast trotter with a record of 2:18 1/2, and since converted to a pacer) paced a mile at Independence, Iowa, on the 4th inst., in 2:06, beating Johnston's pacer record of 2:06 1/2, which has stood for years.

Alberion, the champion of the world, won the record at 2:10, establishing a new stallion record. Some of the watches held on him made the time 2:09 1/2.

Alberion thus beats the record of Nelson and Stamboul, but Stamboul is to be pushed for the record at Stockton on the new kiteshipped track inside of three weeks.

Shipping News.

A boat's crew from the whaling bark Emma F. Herriman has been brought to San Francisco by the steamer Farallon. The crew killed a whale but lost their vessel in a fog. They made St. Paul Island after staying by the whale forty-eight hours.

The ship Frederick Billings recently arrived at New York and the men aboard her captain, H. H. Williams, with fearful brutality while on board.

There is some anxiety about the schooner Nicoline, Captain Herendeen, which left San Francisco on July 2, 1889, for a whaling trip east of the mouth of the Mackenzie river. She has not been heard from since, but was well supplied and word may come from her yet.

The British bark Royal Tar from New Guinea for Eureka, is detained in quarantine on account of scurvy and fever. She left Frederick William Haven, New Guinea, on June 6th, and for many weeks had head winds or none at all.

On August 31st the captain died of typhus fever and was buried at sea. The vessel was not properly provisioned and the men were soon unfit for duty.

Scurvy broke out among the men and even in July everything was eaten up but tea and flour. When the vessel reached the Mendocino coast the men could not work her against the wind to Eureka and hence brought her here.

They are all in a bad condition from scurvy and typhus.

The new coast defense vessel Monterey will soon have her trial trip. She is expected to be in the Government's hands by November 1st.

Harry Trombenback and Robert Valkenburg are sailing from New York to Boston on a wagon in a box 7 feet long 2 1/2 feet wide and drawing about 6 inches of water. They expect to make it in nine days. Both are expert swimmers and think they will upset very frequently.

The British ship Carr Rock, from Dundee for San Francisco, with a cargo of coal, was burned off the Brazilian coast recently. All hands were saved.

The vessel was owned in Glasgow.

The steamer George E. Starr has been found smuggling Chinese into Port Angeles, Wash., and has been seized by the Government.

The schooner Mary Etta went ashore north-east of the Cliff House recently, and was wrecked off waterlogged.

The British gunboat Tweed was wrecked in Hongkong harbor recently in a typhoon.

The schooner Premier, which was sunk in Alaskan waters some time ago and sold for \$400, has been raised and repaired, and is now as good as ever.

The British ship Gambia has been gutted by fire at Port Costa, and her partial cargo of wheat ruined. She will probably be bought by Americans and repaired.

A Wonderful Railroad.

Probably the most remarkable railroad in the world is that running from Gloggnitz to Loaning, near Vienna. It is only twenty-five miles in length, but cost \$9,000,000. It begins at an elevation of 1,400 feet, and has its terminus at 13,000 feet. It has fifteen double viaducts, seventeen tunnels, and crosses itself nine times.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements made, or opinions expressed by our correspondents.

Open Violation of Law.

Mr. Editor: Common rumor has it that two saloons in this city are in full blast on Sundays, and with the knowledge of the authorities at that. It is very unfair to those who endeavor to keep the law that such a practice is allowed, nay, winked at, by those in authority, and should be stopped.

DEALER.

A gentleman desiring to test the endurance of a horse drove one 1,000 miles to a dog cart, the cart, passenger and baggage weighing over 800 pounds. The journey was done in nineteen consecutive days, an average of over fifty-two miles a day. The longest distance, sixty-eight miles, was covered on the last day. The road was selected at random, and led from London to York, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Carlisle, Nottingham, and London again. The horse was fifteen hands high, what is called "well bred," and returned home, according to the report of the veterinary, no worse for the journey.

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